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ARIZONA ATTORNEY GENERAL
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Dr. Paul H. Bennett
President, Arizona Board
Dental Examiners
602 Valley Bank Building
Tucson, Arizona

Dear Dr. Bennett:

Replying to your question of July 15, 1950, wherein you desire to know if the new medical practice Code alters or changes the dentists or nurse anaesthetists status, you are advised as follows:

Section 67-1102 ACA 1939, as amended by the Legislature of 1949, reads as follows:

"A person shall be regarded as practicing medicine and surgery, or either, who, by any indication or statement, claims his ability or willingness to, or does, diagnose or prognosticate any human ills, real or imaginary, or claims his ability or willingness to, or does, prescribe or administer any medicine, treatment or practice, or performs any operation, manipulation, or application for compensation unless it is in the practice of dentistry, pharmacy, osteopathy, chiropractics, chiropody, or naturopathy, or in the business of opticians or of vendors of dental or surgical instruments, apparatus and appliances." (Emphasis supplied)

It is our opinion that the law leaves the dentists in the same position they were before the medical practice Code was amended.

Very truly yours,

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